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Securities and Exchange Commission Office of International Corporate Finance 450 Fifth Street N.W. Washington DC 20549 United States of America



Dear Sir/Madam,

#### RE: WOODSIDE PETROLEUM LTD. - EXEMPTION FILE NO. 82.2280

In accordance with Rule 12g 3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, we enclose a copy of the following Stock Exchange Releases which has/have recently been filed with the Australian Stock Exchange ("ASX") in relation to:

First term-contract LNG cargo sets sail for South Korea, lodged with the Australian Stock Exchange on 13 November 2003.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could return by fax (+61 8 9348 4990) a copy of this letter as proof of receipt. Madaka a G D breng ther

Yours faithfully WOODSIDE PETROLEUM LTD.

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#### STOCK EXCHANGE RELEASE

# First term-contract LNG cargo sets sail for South Korea

Please find attached a News Release issued by North West Shelf Australia LNG Pty Ltd.

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# **NEWS RELEASE**

Thursday, 13 November 2003 8:00am (WST)

## FIRST TERM-CONTRACT LNG CARGO SETS SAIL FOR SOUTH KOREA

The North West Shelf Venture's first term-contract LNG cargo to Korea Gas Corporation (Kogas) set sail today from Withnell Bay near Karratha in Western Australia.

The cargo has been loaded on board the Energy Frontier, currently under charter from Tokyo LNG Tanker Co. Ltd. with a capacity of 145,000 cubic metres it is the largest LNG ship in the world.

The cargo is the first under the Venture's seven-year contract with Kogas. From 2004, the Venture will supply 0.5 million tonnes of LNG a year to the South Korean gas utility under a sale and purchase agreement signed on 8 March 2003 by Kogas and the North West Shelf LNG Sellers. All cargoes will be delivered on an ex-ship basis.

North West Shelf Australia LNG President John Banner said the cargo marked an important milestone for the Venture as a supplier of LNG to multiple markets.

"The North West Shelf has built an enviable reputation with its customers over the past 14 years as a reliable and cost-effective producer and supplier of LNG," Mr Banner said.

"We have supplied several spot cargoes to Kogas over the years and today we extend our relationship. The North West Shelf is poised for growth and we look forward to a long and lasting relationship with Kogas."

Mr Banner said the cargo symbolised the Venture's strong ties with Asian economies, with LNG from Australia being transported on a ship chartered from Japan to the people of South Korea.

North West Shelf Australia LNG is the LNG marketing organisation for the North West Shelf Venture and markets LNG in South Korea as Australia LNG.

The six equal participants in the North West Shelf Venture are: Woodside Energy Ltd (Operator); BHP Billiton Petroleum (North West Shelf) Pty Ltd; BP Developments Australia Pty Ltd; ChevronTexaco Australia Pty Ltd; Japan Australia LNG (MIMI) Pty Ltd; and Shell Development (Australia) Proprietary Limited.

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